(b) and (c). Under the current stockyard policy, the responsibility for setting up an managing new stockyards rests with the respective State Governments. Coal Companies will offer coal for despatch to these stockyards in accordance with the sponsorships provided by the State Governments. It is for the State Governments to assess the need for coal stockyards, set them up and sponsor movement of coal.

Operation Black Board Scheme

518. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :
SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA :
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE :
SHRI LALIT ORAON :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) the funds sanctioned and allocated during the Eighth Plan under the centrally sponsored 'Operation Black Board' programme, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have reviewed the implementation of this centrally sponsored programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make the scheme more effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) A statement giving details of funds released to State Govts/UT Admns. under Operation Black Board Scheme during 8th Five Year Plan is enclosed

(b) and (c) The implementation of the programme is reviewed at different levels both in the Govt of India and the State Governments In addition, the programme has been evaluated by external agencies which include National Council for Education Research & Training, National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, and G B. Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad. These evaluations have been carried out in Andhra Pradesh Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu and Uttar Pradesh According to the evaluation reports, the implementation of the Operation Black Board Scheme has been satisfactory However the pace of construction of school buildings and utilisation of teaching learning material in some States needs improvement.

(d) The Government has taken steps to improve effectiveness of the programme which include decentralisation of system of purchase of teaching learning equipment, grant of flexibility to States in selection of appropriate teaching learning materials and special training of primary school teachers to ensure optimum utilisation of teaching learning materials purchased under the scheme.

STATEMENT

Details of the funds released to State Govts/UT Admns. During 8th Plan (As on 12.7.1996) under Operation Black Board Scheme

(Rs. in lakhs)

SNo.	State	Funds Released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7265.95
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	315.07
3.	Assam	6937.14
4.	Bihar	11625.62
5.	Goa	131.79
6.	Gujarat	2928.51
7.	Haryana	193.22
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1689 67
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2678.89
10.	Karnataka	9176 49
11.	Kerala	767 43
12	Madhya Pradesh	1785.27
13	Maharashtra	18701.26
14	Manipur	34.81
15.	Meghalaya	1699 97
16.	Mizoram	82.52
17.	Nagaland	5293 22
18.	Orissa	9008.29
19.	Punjab	541.20
20.	Rajasthan	6957.73
21.	Sikkim	-
22	Tamilnadu	645 61
23.	Tripura	93.45
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1864.35
25.	West Bengal	3241.30
26	A&N Islands	-
27	Chandigarh	-
28	D&N Haveli	3.66
29	Daman & Diu	-
30	Delhi	76 44
31	Lakshadweep	-
32	Pondicherry	24 90

Use of Computer in Indian Languages

519. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY . Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the projects being prepared by language institutions for possible use of computer in Indian languages; and